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 TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER
 SUBJECT: SUNDAY NEWS SUMMARY
 THE WASHINGTON POST

PRESIDENT FORD AND YOU ARE PICTURED RELAXING AT VAIL. YOU REPORTEDLY ARE SET TO ANNOUNCE RENEWAL OF YOUR MIDEAST SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY. (A-1)

CARROLL KILPATRICK WRITES THAT HOPES HAVE BEEN RISING IN CAIRO AND JERUSALEM, AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON, THAT A SINAI WITHDRAWAL UNDERSTANDING IS NEAR AND THAT ONE MORE STAGE OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY BY YOU CAN RESULT IN AN ACCORD. IT WAS BELIEVED POSSIBLE THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY BE MADE TODAY THAT YOU WILL FLY TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO TRY TO WORK OUT A FINAL ACCORD. (A-2)

MURREY MARDER BELIEVES THAT INTENSE RIVALRY BETWEEN CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION HAS HELPED TO LIMIT THE DAMAGE TO WESTERN INFLUENCE IN ASIA SINCE THE AMERICAN DEBACLE IN INDOCHINA. LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES ARE STILL CLOUDED BUT THE RECORD OF THE INTERVENING 15 WEEKS SHOWS NEW EVIDENCE OF THE CHECKMATE EFFECT IN WHICH COMPETING POWER INTERESTS IN THE ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION OFFSET EXTREME SHIFTS IN THE POWER BALANCE. THE SAME PRINCIPLE MAY APPLY TO THE CURRENT TURMID IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO MONOLITHIC COMMUNIST SIDE TO EXPLOIT WHAT THE UNITED STATES LOST, THE REPRECUSIONS OF THE INDOCHINA POLICY DEFEAT ARE MARKEDLY LESS EXTREME THAN THE ADMINISTRATION'S PUBLIC RHETORIC FORECAST. (A-3)

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JOSEPH KRAFT DISCUSSES THE CIA ASSASSINATION HOT POTATO. HE CONTENDS THE SENATE INVESTIGATION INTO CIA ASSASSINATIONS IS RUNNING INTO THE SANDS OF CONFUSION. THE LARGER MEANING IS THAT EVEN THE MOST RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES ARE UNWILLING TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SOME ISSUES ARE TOO DELICATE AND COMPLEX FOR THE RIGHTS AND WRONGS TO BE SETTLED BY HERE INVESTIGATION. IT IS TOO BAD SOMEBODY CAN'T SAY FLATLY THAT ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ASSASSINATIONS PROBABLY CAN'T BE PINNED DOWN. THAT WAY, ALL OFFICIALS COULD GET ROUND TO THE SERIOUS BUSINESS OF WRITING NEW GUIDELINES AND ESTABLISHING NEW MACHINERY FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL OVER THE CIA. IN THE BARGAIN THERE WOULD BE A LITTLE DENT MADE IN THE POPULIST MYTH THAT SOME KIND OF FIX IS ALWAYS IN, AND THAT ALL THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED IF ONLY THERE IS A TOUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE BAD GUYS. (C-7)

JACK ANDERSON BELIEVES THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY MAY COME OUT OF ITS PENITENT PERIOD WITH ITS POWERS AND PRIVILEGES STILL INTACT. THE CALLS FOR REFORM HAVE PRODUCED MORE PROMISES THAN CHANGES. ABUSES HAVE BEEN HALTED, BUT THE CAUSES HAVE GONE UNCORRECTED. IF THE CIA IS TO REGAIN THE TRUST OF THE PEOPLE, IT MUST ALLOW MORE, NOT LESS, LIGHT ON ITS ACTIVITIES. NO OTHER NATION HAS BEEN AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE UNITED STATES IN MAINTAINING A FREE SOCIETY. IT REQUIRES A POWERFUL SPOTLIGHT TO EXPOSE THE ABUSES THAT THREATEN OUR FREEDOM. WHAT THE CIA NEEDS, CLEARLY, IS A TOUGH NEW CHARTER SPELLING OUT THE RIGHTS AND WRONGS OF INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS.

ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK REPORT THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT BUREAUCRACY LAST WEEK KILLED A BLUNT SPEECH DRAFTED BY AMBASSADOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN AND AIMED AT THIRD WORLD MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, SHOWING THAT THE REALITY OF U.S. ISOLATION IN THE U.N. IS NOT YET ACCEPTED AT FOGGY BOTTOM. MOYNIHAN DRAFTED A SPEECH NOTING THAT VOTES OVER THE YEARS ON SOUTH KOREA'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE U.N. HAD BEEN SUPPORTED BY COUNTRIES WITH MULTI-PARTY SYSTEMS AND OPPOSED BY COUNTRIES WITH ONE-PARTY SYSTEMS. MOYNIHAN'S DRAFT SPEECH THEN DELIVERED THE MESSAGE THAT YOU CANNOT TURN THE U.N. INTO A ONE-PARTY SYSTEM BY EXCLUDING THE SOUTH KOREAS AND INCLUDING THE VIETNAMS. BUT WITH YOU IN MONTREAL FOR A SPEECH ON VETO DAY, AUG. 11, THE STATE DEPARTMENT BUREAUCRACY SUCCEEDED IN ASH-CANNING THE SPEECH. PROBABLE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT IN THE SINAI WILL PREVENT A SHOWDOWN OF THIRD-WORLD EFFORTS TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE U.N., BUT AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AND THE UNITED STATES WILL FACE A TOUGH TEST WHEN THE REGULAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION NEXT MONTH VOTES ON A COMMUNIST-THIRD WORLD RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REMOVAL OF U.S. TROOPS FROM KOREA. (C-7)

THE WASHINGTON STAR

YOUR PICTURE APPEARS ON PAGE A-3.

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DAN KURZMAN SAYS THAT ISRAELI OFFICIALS ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT THE PROPOSED NEW SHUTTLE TRIP BY YOU TO THE MIDDLE EAST, FEELING THAT YOU MAY BE COMING PREMATURELY IN ORDER TO PRESSURE ISRAEL TO SWALLOW UN-ACCEPTABLE EGYPTIAN TERMS FOR AN INTERIM PEACE AGREEMENT. IF THIS FEAR MATERIALIZES, EXPERTS IN JERUSALEM THINK THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE COULD SPLIT OVER THE QUESTION OF AN ACCORD THREATENING THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP. (A-3)

A STAR EDITORIAL STATES THAT BANGLADESH, SINCE ITS SECESSION FROM PAKISTAN IN 1971, HAS GONE FAR TOWARD FULFILLING YOUR PROPHECY OF AN "INTERNATIONAL BASKET CASE", SUBSISTING ON CHARITY FROM ABROAD. WITH THE KILLING OF PRESIDENT RAHMAN IN A MILITARY TAKEOVER ON FRIDAY, THE UNFORTUNATE COUNTRY HAS THE EVEN MORE PATHETIC APPEARANCE OF A DECAPITATED BASKET CASE. (E-2)

C.L. SULZBERGER DISCUSSES THE MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF GREENLAND. SINCE DENMARK PLANS TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT GRANTING LOCAL AUTONOMY TO GREENLANDERS BY 1979, THE NATO DEFENSE SYSTEM COULD BE THREATENED. SULZBERGER PROPOSES NO SOLUTIONS BUT FORSEES A POTENTIALLY COMPLEX, PAINFUL PROBLEM FOR THE ALLIANCE'S DEFENSE SYSTEM. (E-3)

VINCENT WILSON, A GOVERNMENT HISTORIAN, CONTENTS THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAVE CREATED THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CARTEL IN HISTORY, AND GROUPS OF OTHER PRODUCING COUNTRIES ARE BEGINNING TO FORM CARTELS (FOR TIN, COPPER, BAUXITE, ETC.). YET THE U.S. AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, FACING A MASSIVE DRAIN OF FUNDS TO THE OIL NATIONS, HAVE GIVEN NO INDICATION THAT THEY HAVE EVEN CONSIDERED FORMING A COUNTER-CARTEL TO DEAL WITH OIL COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH ORGANIZING AND MANAGING SUCH A CARTEL WOULD POSE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS, THE EXISTENCE AND SUCCESS OF ONE COULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD PRODUCING AN ECONOMIC ALLIANCE. (E-3)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

YOU ARE PICTURED ON THE FRONT PAGE

WILLIAM BORDERS REPORTS THAT THE NEW Dacca GOVERNMENT MOVED TO TAKE BANGLADESH OUT OF THE POLITICAL ORBIT OF INDIA. (A-1)

MARVINE HOWE REPORTS THE COMMUNIST PARTY RETURNED IN STRENGTH TO ALCOHACA WHERE A MOB TRIED TO OUST THE COMMUNIST MAYOR AND RAIDED PARTY HEADQUARTERS ALMOST A MONTH AGO. (A-1)

JAMES M. NAUGHTON WRITES THAT YOU BRIEFED PRESIDENT FORD ON THE PROGRESS OF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS AS YOU AWAITED A SIGNAL FROM ISRAEL THAT WOULD LEAD TO A RESUMPTION OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY BY YOU NEXT WEEK. (A-2)

FLORA LEWIS REPORTS THAT THE FEAR THAT A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT

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IN LISBON MIGHT FORCE A BREAK WITH THE UNITED STATES AND CLOSE THE BIG AMERICAN MILITARY BASE AT LAJES ON THE ISLAND OF TERCEIRA, HAS SPURRED TALK OF INDEPENDENCE FROM PORTUGAL. (A-3)

THOMAS A. JOHNSON WRITES THAT PRESIDENT IDI AMIN BOASTS THAT UGANDA HAS WON THE ECONOMIC WAR" WHILE CRITICS INSIST THAT WHAT HE REALLY MEANS IS THAT HE HAS DEFEATED THE ONCE STRONG UGANDA ECONOMY. (A-7)

STEVEN V. ROBERTS REPORTS THAT THE ACCEPTANCE OF GREECE AS THE 10TH MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY SEEMS VIRTUALLY ASSURED SINCE NONE OF THE NINE PRESENT MEMBERS WOULD OPPOSE THE APPLICATION PUBLICLY. SOME OF THE NINE HAVE DOUBTS, HOWEVER, AND A LENGTHY PROCESS OF HARD BARGAINING LIES AHEAD ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATS. (A-13)

A TIMES EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT AFTER LONG ASSUMING THAT A COMMUNIST TAKEOVER WAS ALMOST INEVITABLE IN PORTUGAL, YOU HAVE FINALLY SET UNITED STATES POLICY--IN ITS PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS, AT LEAST--ONTO A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE TRACK. YOUR BIRMINGHAM SPEECH OFFERED JUST THE KIND OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT THAT PORTUGAL'S EMBATTLED DEMOCRATIC FORCES HAVE BEEN NEEDING AS THEY PRESS THEIR RESISTANCE TO COMMUNIST-BACKED PREMIER GONCALVES AND THE RADICAL LEFT-WING MINORITIES OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT.

MUCH OF THE CREDIT FOR THIS BELATED SHOW OF ENCOURAGEMENT MUST GO TO THE ENERGETIC UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN LISBON, FRANK CARLUCCI. AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI FROM THE START SENT BACK REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT SHOOK UP WASHINGTON'S FATALISTIC, PREDETERMINED NOTIONS.

THERE IS A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UNDERCOVER MANIPULATION OF ANOTHER COUNTRY'S POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND OPEN EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FROM AN ALLIED GOVERNMENT FOR THE MAJORITY WILL AGAINST A RUTHLESS MINORITY'S POWER PLAY. (E-14)

A TIMES EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT THOUGH OFTEN INDECISIVE IN CONFRONTING THE POLITICAL CROSSCURRENTS OF HIS HOMELAND, PORTUGAL'S PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES HAS TAKEN A NECESSARY FIRM STAND IN ANGOLA. HE HAS ORDERED COLONIAL MILITARY COMMANDERS TO RESUME EXECUTIVE POWER IN THE ANGOLAN CAPITAL. (E-14)

JAMES RESTON COMMENTS THAT WHILE THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENING THEIR TIES WITH EUROPE, JAPAN AND THE SOVIET UNION; AND WHILE THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN STEADILY BUILDING ITS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE, AND CHINA HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING THE SAME IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE UNITED STATES "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH LATIN AMERICAN HAS BEEN STEADILY DECLINING.

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(E-15)

C.L. SULZBERGER COMMENTS THAT AS ITS SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTAINING THE WORLD'S ECOLOGICAL BALANCE, DENMARK IS NOW IN THE FINAL STAGE OF APPLYING MEASURES TO INSURE THAT THE RENOWNED ATLANTIC SALMON SHALL NO LONGER BE THREATENED WITH DEPLETION. (E-15)

THE SUN

PRESIDENT FORD AND YOU ARE PICTURED ON PAGE ONE DISCUSSING YOUR RETURN TO SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDEAST. (A-1)

PORTUGUESE FARMHANDS ORGANIZED BY A COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED UNION HAVE SEIZED SEVEN LARGE FARMS WITH THE APPROVAL OF MILITARY UNITS IN THE AREA. (A-1)

EGYPT REPORTEDLY WILL RETAIN FULL CONTROL OF THE STRATEGIC MITLA AND GIDI PASSES IN THE SINAI UNDER A NEW TROOP DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IT EXPECTS TO SIGN SHORTLY WITH ISRAEL, WELL-INFORMED EGYPTIAN SOURCES SAID. (A-2)

TURKEY HAS CLOSED DOWN POST EXCHANGES ON AMERICAN MILITARY BASES, HAS GIVEN ONE MONTH'S NOTICE TO HALT PACKAGE MAIL UNDER THE ARMY POST OFFICE SYSTEM AND HAS ORDERED AMERICAN OFFICERS' CLUBS CLOSED. ALTHOUGH ANGERED BY THE FAILURE TO EASE THE ARMS EMBARGO, TURKEY HAS STOPPED SHORT OF ELIMINATING THE AMERICAN BASES AND ORDERING THEIR PERSONNEL TO LEAVE. BUT SUCH A MOVE IS STILL NOT RULED OUT IF CONGRESS SHOULD DECIDE TO CONTINUE THE EMBARGO IN ANOTHER ROUND OF VOTING EXPECTED IN EARLY FALL. (A-2)

HEAVY FIGHTING RAGED IN LOBITO, ANGOLA'S MAIN PORT, PREVIOUSLY SAID TO BE CONTROLLED BY A SOVIET-BACKED LIBERATION MOVEMENT. (A-2)

HAL PIPER ASKS WHY, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF FAILURES, HAVE THE RUSSIANS NOT LEARNED HOW TO FEED THEMSELVES? WHY DO THEY HAVE TO BUY FROM THE WEST TO BAIL THEMSELVES OUT? THE ANSWER IS THAT AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF PRIVATION, THEY ARE LEARNING TO FEED THEMSELVES. THEY BUY FROM THE WEST BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO GO ON A DIET JUST BECAUSE THE HARVEST WAS BAD. (K-1)

LOUIS HALASZ COMMENTS ON THE RECENT U.S. VETO ON THE ADMISSION OF THE TWO COMMUNIST VIETNAMESE STATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND STATES THAT THE PLO PRECEDENT COULD GIVE VIETNAM A U.N. VOICE WITHOUT ADMISSION

ALTHOUGH SUCH A COURSE IS VIRTUOUSLY DENIED BY THE VIETNAMESE AND WOULD NOT ONLY ADD INSULT TO WASHINGTON'S INJURY, WHICH HALASZ SAYS WAS INCURRED BY USING ITS RIGHT TO VETO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS, BUT COULD TO A LARGE EXTENT NULLIFY THE EFFECT

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OF THE VETO. ACCORDING TO THIS PRESUMED SCENARIO, THE CHAMPIONS OF THE VIETNAMESE WOULD ASK THE ASSEMBLY TO GRANT HANOI AND SAIGON THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSIONS AND THE WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY, AS WELL AS IN ALL CONFERENCES CONVENED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THAT BODY. WHETHER SCENARIO WOULD EVER MATERIALIZE DEPENDS ON WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHEN THAT BODY, ACTING ON THE REQUEST OF THE ASSEMBLY, AGAIN TAKES UP THE QUESTION OF APPLICATIONS. (K-2)

AN EDITORIAL THIS MORNING SAYS THAT YOU HAVE INTERVENED MORALLY IN THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION AT A MOMENT THAT THE SUN HOPES WILL PROVE WELL CHOSEN. YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS FIGHTING AGAINST COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP WILL BE OF LIMITED IMPACT ON A SITUATION THE PORTUGUESE WILL HAVE TO SETTLE AMONG THEMSELVES. BUT IT WILL HELP, CONSIDERING HOW GINGERLY YOU HAVE DEALT IN THE PAST WITH A STRUGGLE IN WHICH WESTERN IDEALS AND SECURITY ARE SO VERY MUCH AT STAKE.

PORTUGUESE MODERATES NOW SHOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE FOR A NEW, POPULARLY BASED REGIME KNOWING THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ACQUIESCE TO SOVIET INTERFERENCE MERELY FOR THE SAKE OF PRESERVING THE ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE. ACCORDING TO THE SUN, YOUR VERBAL INTERVENTION IN THE PORTUGUESE STRUGGLE IS AS ACCEPTABLE, BY THE NORMAL STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT, AS MOSCOW'S ECONOMIC AND MILITARY INTERVENTION IS NOT. (K-4)
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